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In re application of

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For: COMPOSITION AND METHOD FOR USE OF PYRIDINIUM DERIVATIVES IN
COSMETIC AND THERAPEUTIC APPLICATIONS

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

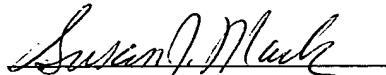
The Examiner has identified the application as containing claims comprising R1-R3, and m, X. The Examiner has required the Applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted.

In response to the Examiner's election of species requirement, Applicant elects, without traverse, compound number 5: "1-(2-thien-2'-yl-2-oxoethyl)-3- (methanesulfonylhydrazino-carbonyl) pyridinium bromide" specifically recited on Page 13 of the specification. The claims that read on the elected species are: 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 16-25, 26, 31, 36, 41, 46, 47-50, 53, 54, 56, 57, 59, 60, 65, 66, 71, 72 and 77-90.

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